(viii) A "Tiger Crisis" Cell has been set up in the Ministry to suggest improvement in the management of tiger bearing areas of the country.

(ix) The State Governments have been advised to strengthen vigilance and intensify patrolling.

(x) Steps are being initiated to set up "Special Strike Force" in the Project Tiger areas;

(xi) A Protocol has been signed with the Govt. of Peoples' Republic of China to coordinate bilateral issues concerning tiger conservation and to check smuggling and the illegal trade of tiger bones and other parts of its body; and

(xii) Steps have been initiated by the Government to establish the 'Global Tiger Forum' for strengthening international cooperation to curb poaching of tiger and to coordinate efforts for the conservation of tiger and its habitat throughout the tiger range countries.

Closing of industries due to pollution

2334. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of industries in the country, particularly in Gujarat had to be closed down on instructions by different courts for the failure of the industries to comply with court's directives to urgently intitate anti-pollution measures;

(b) if so, the details of the Industrial Units that had to be closed down during the last two years, State-wise;

(c) further corrective measures taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Yes Sir, 39 industries in Gujarat are lying closed on the orders of Gujarat High Court. The Gujarat High Court vide its order dated 28.9.95 has also directed to close down 1447 polluting industries in the State.

(b) The state-wise details of industrial units closed down during the last two years is as under :

NAME OF STATE	NO. OF UNITS	DETAILS OF INDUSTRIES
Andhra Pradesh	2	Retreading units
Bihar	43	Paper mills, sugar mills dyeing & printing units, silk units & dairy units
Himachal Pradesh	54	Stone crushing units
Haryana	45	Stone crushing, tannery and dyeing units
Madhy Pradesh	1	Chemical units
Tamil Nadu	485	Tanneries
Uttar Pradesh	152	Board and paper mills, Textile mills, leather industries, dyeing & printing units, bone mills, manure units and chemical units.
West Bengal	38	Resin & chemicals oil mills, paper industries, beverages, jute factories, chemical units, iron & steel mills and fertilizer plants.
Delhi	168	Units falling under 'H' category and highly polluting in nature.

(c) and (d) The measures taken by the Government for control of pollution are as under :

(i) Effluent and emisson standards have been prescribed for most of the contaminants and are reviewed periodically;

(ii) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting of industries;

(iii) Industries have been asked to comply with consent conditions stipulated by the State Pollution Control Boards;

(iv) Industries have been directed to install necessary pollution control equipment on a time bound basis;

(v) Standards on ambient air quality have been notified;

(vi) Noise standards for various zones have been notified;

(vii) Fiscal incentives are being provided to industries for installation of pollution control equipment and also for shifting of polluting industries away from congested areas;

(viii) Customs and Excise duty exemptions are being provided to industries for installation of pollution control monitoring equipment;

(ix) Under an ongoing industrial pollution control schemes, financial assistance is being provided to clusters of small scale industrial units for setting up of Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CEPTs)

Losses Due to Rains in Gujarat

2335. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI SUSILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether rains in Gujarat this year have claimed a heavy toll of hundreds of lives, besides the damages to property, crops and livestocks;

(b) if so, the estimated loss of life and property in Gujarat and other States on this account from May to August, 1996 and comparative figures for 1994-95 and 1995-96; and

(c) the Central assistance sought and given for relief work?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) According to the information received from the Government of Gujarat, cyclone, heavy rains and floods claimed 123 human lives and 1962 animals, and damaged 38123 houses/huts and crops in an area of 4.28 lakh hectares during the current year.

(b) A Statement indicating the loss of lives and damage to cropped area and houses in various States due to cyclone, heavy rains and floods from May to August during 1994, 1995 and 1996 is given in the Annexure *[See Appendix 179, Annexure No. 53]*

(c) Government of Gujarat has submitted a Memorandum seeking assistance of Rs. 282.00 crores for relief measures in the wake of cyclone and floods in some parts of the State and drought conditions in some other parts. Government of India have already released Rs. 104.70 crores as the Central share of Calamity Relief Funds for 1996-97 to the State Government.

Recruitment Rules for LDCs in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

2336. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of recruitment rules that govern filling up the posts of LDCs in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, that were in vogue in 1992 and 1996;

(b) whether these are being adhered to in the context of filling promotion quota earmarked therefor; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c) Prior to 12.1.1992, the posts of LDCs in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, its Regional Offices and Kendriya Vidyalayas were filled 100% by the direct recruitment. The Board of Governors in its meeting held on 12.1.1992 *inter alia* revised the Recruitment Rules for the post of LDCs providing therein that 10% posts of LDCs in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (Headquarters) Regional Offices and Kendriya Vidyalayas would henceforth be filled up by Group "D" employees possessing requisite qualifications as prescribed in the Recruitment Rules for the post of LDC, i.e. Matriculation or equivalent and with typing speed of 30 w.p.m. in English or 25 w.p.m. in Hindi.

10.% posts of LDCs in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (Hqrs.) and its Regional Offices have already been filled up by promotion from among Group "D" employees. In respect of the school cardre, the Assistant Commissioner have been authorised to effect promotion from Group "D" to LDC.